

**Amendments to the Specification:**

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**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority benefit of PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/009016, entitled "Apparatus And Method Of Treating Exhaust Gas," by Yukio Miyairi, Yasumasa Fujioka, Masaaki Masuda, Tatsuhiko Hatano, Takeshi Sakuma, Yuuichiro Imanishi, Keizo Iwama, and Kenji Dosaka, filed on June 25, 2004, which is based on Japanese Application No. 2003-184286, entitled "Apparatus And Method Of Treating Exhaust Gas," by the same inventors, filed on June 27, 2003. All of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.